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**17 projects share \$3.1 million in federal Enhancing  
Education through Technology grants**

MADISON—Seventeen projects that will help schools improve the use of computers and other educational technology to lift student achievement are sharing \$3.1 million in funding under the federal Enhancing Education through Technology (ed tech) program. Competitive grants will impact 165 school districts throughout the state.

State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster commended district consortiums for writing competitive grant applications to run special projects. “Every public school uses computers and other educational technology to support classroom instruction. Targeting funding to help educators master the use of educational technology in curriculum and daily lessons will help us support student learning and close the achievement gap.”

The federal legislation authorizing the grants—the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II, Part D—targeted funds to districts with student poverty rates that are “among the highest” in each state. In Wisconsin, a poverty rate of 9 percent or more was the primary criteria for eligibility. Additionally, a school district alone or within a consortium was to have been identified for improvement, be a school in need of corrective action to improve student achievement, or have a substantial need for assistance in acquiring or using technology. Every district with schools that were identified for improvement earlier this year is benefiting from this round of ed tech competitive grants.

The Department of Public Instruction already awarded 50 percent of the state’s \$7.9 million ed tech funding under a formula for this grant program. The remaining grant allocation is funding these competitive grants and the “Evaluating States Educational Technology Programs” grant, a research study being conducted in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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In Wisconsin, applications for competitive grants must direct 60 percent of funds to professional development that will improve classroom teaching through the use of technology. Wisconsin's ongoing assessments of teachers' use of computers and educational technology in the classroom shows that providing research-based professional development is critical if technology is expected to support improved student achievement. This year, applicants were asked to show a more direct link to student achievement in their proposals. Additionally, projects must be related to Wisconsin's model academic standards for information and technology literacy and to the district's technology plan.

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## **Enhancing Education through Technology Competitive Grants**

(Organized by Cooperative Educational Service Agency)

### **CESA 1 (2 projects)**

Kenosha, Mequon-Thiensville, New Berlin, and Racine, **\$250,000**

Milwaukee, **\$327,371**

### **CESA 2**

Madison, Middleton-Cross Plains, Monona Grove, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, and Wisconsin Heights, **\$250,000**

### **CESA 3 (2 projects)**

Argyle, Benton, Black Hawk, Boscobel, Cuba City, Darlington, Dodgeville, Ithaca, Prairie du Chien, Richland, River Ridge, Seneca, and Wauzeka-Steuben, **\$199,500**

Fennimore and Iowa-Grant, **\$52,239**

### **CESA 4**

Alma, Bangor, Black River Falls, Blair-Taylor, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, De Soto, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Hillsboro, Holmen, La Crosse, La Farge, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Onalaska, Royall, Sparta, Viroqua, Westby, Whitehall, and Wonewoc-Union Center, **\$200,000**

### **CESA 5**

Auburndale, Baraboo, Columbus, Lodi, Mauston, Montello, Necedah, Nekoosa, Pardeeville, Pittsville, Portage, Poynette, Randolph, Reedsburg, Rio, Sauk Prairie, Tomorrow River, Waupaca, Westfield, Wild Rose, and Wisconsin Rapids, **\$200,000**

### **CESA 6**

Erin, Fond du Lac, Markesan, Princeton, Rosendale-Brandon, and Ripon, **\$150,000**

### **CESA 7**

Denmark, Green Bay, Pulaski, and Seymour, **\$248,744**

### **CESA 8 (2 projects)**

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine, Crandon, Goodman-Armstrong, Laona, Mercer, Niagara, Wabeno, and White Lake, **\$149,680**

Bonduel, Menominee Indian, and Wittenberg-Biramwood, **\$100,000**

### **CESA 9 (2 projects)**

Athens, D.C. Everest, Edgar, Marathon, Stratford, and Wausau, **\$149,680**

Antigo, Boulder Junction, Elcho, Lac du Flambeau, Lakeland UHS, Merrill, Minocqua J1, Northland Pines, Phelps, Prentice, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Tomahawk, and Woodruff J1, **\$200,000**

### **CESA 10 (2 projects)**

Abbotsford, Alma Center, Altoona, Augusta, Birchwood, Bloomer, Bruce, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Colby, Cornell, Eleva-Strum, Elk Mound, Fall Creek, Flambeau, Gilman, Gilmanton, Granton, Greenwood, Ladysmith, Loyal, Medford, Mondovi, Neillsville, New Auburn, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Spencer, Stanley-Boyd, Thorp, and Weyerhaeuser, **\$200,000**

Eau Claire and Menomonie, **\$99,500**

### **CESA 11**

Baldwin-Woodville, Boyceville, Clayton, Ellsworth, Hudson, Pepin, and River Falls, **\$150,000**

### **CESA 12**

Ashland, Bayfield, Butternut, Drummond, Glidden, Hayward, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Northwood, Park Falls, Phillips, Solon Springs, South Shore, Superior, Washburn, and Winter, **\$200,000**